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1. The 3 Infantry Regiment located at Vidin-Belogradchik consists of the following staff:  
 Commander : Lieutenant Colonel Bankin  
 Assistant Commander : Major Nikolov (also commander of 1 Battalion)  
 Political Commissar : Lieutenant Georgiev  
 Attached to rear headquarters : A Soviet captain
2. During the last three or four months, the following equipment has been supplied to 3 Infantry Regiment:
  - a. A number of Russian heavy machine guns
  - b. Schmeizers
  - c. Six Russian infantry guns
  - d. New Russian rifles
  - e. Three mortars (wheeled)
  - f. Twelve light mortars
3. Three mixed batteries of Soviet guns, three Soviet searchlights, and 25 Soviet trucks have now been attached to 2 Anti-Aircraft Regiment, which is equipped with 24 German guns. Each battery consists of: 150 soldiers, one large and three small caliber guns. A number of Soviet instructors arrived with the guns. The officer strength of 2 Anti-Aircraft Regiment is as follows: one colonel or lieutenant colonel, four majors, seven captains and one Soviet major.
4. On 3 April 1949 two batteries of horse-drawn field artillery guns and six heavy mortars with rubber tire wheels, arrived at Elhovo for firing practice.
5. A military commission, composed of two majors (one of whom was a Soviet), four captains, six lieutenants and a number of clerks, arrived at Elhovo on 3 April 1949. They were housed at the headquarters of 11 Infantry Regiment, and remained two days, making a tour of the area.

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